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Hi Amanda,

I know you have probably gotten an earful on the subject topic, but wanted to add my voice. I travel quite extensively for my job, racking up an average of 145,000+ domestic air miles per year for the past several years. While I really appreciate the recent changes in the use of hand-held devices gate-to-gate, I believe allowing passengers to use cellphones in the air is a bad idea for a number of reasons.

First, most airplane passengers are complacent and believe they are entitled to whatever because they are flying. They are in their own world and do not take others into consideration. They fight for overhead baggage space because they don't want to pay for checking their bag or are afraid of losing their bag (I have had two baggage problems in 10 years), they recline their seat without considering the impact to the passenger behind them (my laptop was broken because a passenger in front of me reclined his seat too fast, and he blamed me!), and basically disregard other passengers. This attitude will certainly be transferred to the use of cellphones in flight.

Second, I personally enjoy the peace and quiet while flying. I typically put my headphones on, take out my computer and get a ton of work completed. Having people talking around me is a distraction and, basically, invades my privacy. It does not allow me to focus and get my work done.

Third, it will add to the burden of the flight attendants. Most passengers simply think of flight attendants as "flying wait staff" who are there to cater to passengers' needs. Not true. The primary function of flight attendants is to ensure the safety of passengers. Everything else is secondary. Allowing passengers to talk on cellphones will add another layer of distraction so passengers will not pay attention to the flight attendants.

I could go on and on, but you get the idea. Whatever the decision, I will continue to be respectful toward and considerate of others. I continue to hope they will return the favor.

Thank you for your time.

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